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WASHINGTON, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

The Earthquake.

Truth compels us to remark that the selsrde disturbance which visited Washington on Monday was only a local matter in its first analysis, whatever may prove to be

It was at just about 2 o'cleck of the afternoon that The Times office felt a slight undulatory vibration. There may have been earthquakes outside, but this was nothing more nor less than the shake that accompanied the congestive chill which seized upon the Administration when it saw the deep, damp hole into which it had been injected by Thomas Brackett Reed.

When the Republican powers that briefly he realized the poisonously a startal condition of combined organic and vegetable decomposition to which the unconstitutional disorganization of the suppressed House of Representatives had reduced the tariff and the appropriation bills, it was impossible to prevent an attack of acute painful and paroxysmal ague. All the whisky in the internal revenue bureau and all the quinine in the Army and Navy hospital stores would have been inadequate to stop the shake.

The visitation started from Mr. Reed at the Shoreham, went around by way of the White House to the State Department? lowered the temperature to below freeztag at all the different Spanish legations. public and private, and finally settled in the condition of a killing Hoar frost over the enemies of human liberty from the Enstern States.

A careful inspection of the Administroautocratic seismometer during the ensuing week or two will demonstrate quite distipetly what it was that shock the fown.

Experiences like these are hard to bear; but if Thomas Brackett Reed would undertake to get up a little meno-autocratic. Isnesome seismic disturbance of his own and "shake the town" there would be so public pervousness or fear, but national Mankariying

Autocracy and the Constitution.

The violation of the Constitution by Thomas Brackett Reed of Maine, an individual who, as Speaker of the House of Representatives, took an oath to sup port it, excites national attention and ported in his defiance of the supreme law of the land and the rules of the House by a cowed and crimring cohort of Republican misrepresentatives of the people. We shall see how long that support will

History is full of instances wherein usurnation has overreached itself; where the sceming possession of absolute, irrespensible power for the time being, has maddened the brain of the usurper, who speedily has wrought his own destruction and the depolition of iniquitous interest he has sought to subserve. History of thes kind repeats itself in the case of Thomas

In refusing to effect the organization of the House of Representatives according to the Constitution and the mandatory laws of that body, he has raised the serious constitutional question, whether or not the Congress is in session at all: one of its co-ordinate Houses being disorganized and incapable of performing the functions imposed upon it by the Constitution of the United States. In openly defying the Constitution, by assuming of ais own motion, in the absence of a querum and without a vote, to adjourn the House for four days, under an auto cratic rule previously passed without color of tegality, he has increased the gravity of the situation for himself and for the

principals whose agent he is. If the constitutional question presented by Senator Morgan is forced to an issue, and we have no doubt that it will be. there are good legal reasons for believing that the Supreme Court will decide all legislation assumed to be enacted at this extra session to be pull and void.

It may be that the Administration can control of "placate" enough votes in the Senute to prevent a declaration of the unconstitutionality of the present assemblace and an adjournment sine die of the Upper Rouse; but the case for the people will be spread upon the record in convenient and anclusive form for immediate action by mercial and other legitimate interests of the country in defense of their rights against a rulnous scheme of taxation fliegally and unconstitutionally im-

ment, that such a tariff bill as the Senate may allow to pass, other things being

prosperity that President McKinley, Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Mr. Mark Hanns, Mr. Pierpont Morgan, Mr. Andrew Carnegie and like patriots insist must follow double or treble taxation conjoined with peristant and continual contraction of the currency, what kind of prosperity may be expected to result from such a measure. when its illegality is patent, and the victims of its policy are arrayed in a solid phalanx to resist its application?

Yet, under existing circumstances and conditions, that is exactly what is going to happen, if legislative action, now only voidable in law, is not saved from becoming absolutely void by the immediate remedy of organizing the House of Representatives in a constitutional manner. Neither Mr. Reed nor his equally guilty copareener, the Administration, need think that the only movement to be met is the one now coming to a head in the Senate. There are constitutional rights inherent in membership of the House itself, that cannot always be ignored with safety. It is the duty of a minority in that or any parliamentary body to bow to the will of a majority constitutionally and properly enforced; but when the supreme law has been openly and contemptuously set at Reed and the suppressed House of Repreleges and functions; that it is not a constitutionally organized House; that, hence, ing done that, to withdraw en masse, and appeal to the people.

We do not say that this will be done. but we warn the Administration and Thomas Brackett Reed that it is among the possibilities

In times of great adversity, discontent, ample of contempt for and violation of the Constitution and the Law.

A Nebulous Cuban Policy.

In all save two respects the Cuban policy attributed to Mr. McKiniey's Adminintration by its closest friends and apologists, is extremely and unsatisfactorily ognition of Cuban belligerency if he can, and refuse to do anything in a rositive direction to stop Weyler's carnival of otrage, blood and butchery, "until after the passage of the tariff bill."

That once out of his way-and the Congress also-he daugles before the eyes of an anxious and expectant country, the rumored promise that he "will do something for Cuba." Now, he may be honest enough in his desire to see the horrors of a war on to pitals, women and children that, beyond a few glittering generalities dispensed by way of the kitchen cabinet, the nation is without notice that he really neaus to do anything.

indeed, we feel compelled to observe that there is a suspicious flavor about the "Cuban independence" movement, infornation regarding which has been inspired from the White House and the State De partment. It is to be noticed that a burn ing desire to secure the blessing of future independence to the struggling patriots, developed coincidently with the failure of Sometors Hanna Hale Hoar and Hawley. it appeared that Mr. McKinley was ardentity auxious to secure ultimate independence through a purchase arrangement, while he still was vehemently opposed to the recognition of beiligerency, a minor matter that merely would give to the fighting Cubaus the rights of civilized warfare and make Weyler afraid to butcher noble little Philadelphia Quaker women in Cuban hospitals. The more com plete and glorious plan of salvation, by diplomatic and very leisurely negotiation with Spain, would not hamper Weyler in any of his characteristic practices of pacification; but, then, think of the ultimate result "after the passage of the tariff bill"

and the dispersion of the Congress! What does it all mean? Mr. McKinley cannot think that the country is blind to the fact that a genuine intention to recognize or to treat with the Cubans, with a view to the recognition of their independrace, ought to be preceded by recognition of their belligerency. Then why does he oppose and obstruct that, if he would have us believe what is said for him? In the present aspect of affairs the President owes it to himself to act, and to act quickly, and as his duty to God and bunanity dictate.

New York Machine Amenities.

Anti-Platt newspapers in Gotham seer inclined to point the "digiter monstrari" at the great and good Senator Thomas C. Platt. Before redding what they have to say, It is as well to state that they are quite unable to show anything in the character or conduct of the State Republican boss which is not entirely consistent with the ethics and the highest political ideals

One journal, the Evening Post, asserts that in his personal organ Senator Platt discloses the manner in which he enforces macrine discipline and punishes legis lative recalcitration. The "organ" quoted as declaring that Gov. Black has allowed to die, or has vetoed cercain bills in which Republican Scnators were interested who voted against the confirms tion of Louis F. Payn," Senator Platt's candidate for Insurance Commissioner, who, it is needless to remark, was confirmed by a large majority. Among the rebellion Senators was a Mr. White, of Syracuse, all of whose hills have been either vetoed or allowed to die by Gov. Black.

Judged by Republican standards and mothods, we fall to discern anything alarm ing or even unusual in the course attributed to the genial and intellectual Senator equal, would produce the wave of national from New York. Such things are insep

arable from the very essence of bossism Without them hosses would be driven out of the business. The late Col. "Jim" Fisk, ir, who was something of a boss himself, once said: "Our grasp is cold and clamay; whoever opposes us is doomed!"

Whether in the New York machine, under the dismal arches of the suppressed House of Representatives, or beneath the Sena torial sway of Hanna, the only thing left for a Republican to do is to obey the Boss with meek, unquestioning subserviency, or get out of the party.

Prosperity Apologies.

The New York Tribune complains, in unison with the Times, of the same city, that "the croakers have made affairs seen worse than really the facts have warranted." This, in apology for the fact that onerous additional contraction of the currency, through the absorption and boarding of gold by Russia, Japan and other powers, conjoined with the trust and monopoly policy of the new Administration, to tax the nation for the benefit of contributory campaign influences, amounts to a very poor excuse for existing conditions.

Let us grant, for instance, that what the Tribune says is true: "As if the people nought, as in the case of Thomas Brackett | were foolish enough to believe that the bare election of a protective President. sentatives, that duty is changed to one before any change of laws had been made. of revolution and of violent opposition to sught to produce all the results which a the usurper. As matters stand today it change of duties could cause." The Tribwould be competent, just, and dignified une, and all of its kind, are estopped from on the part of the opposition to join in a advancing the argument queted Before declaration, to be delivered on the floor the election last November they used up of the House, that the body has been sup- columns of valuable, because highly subpressed and deprived of its rights, privi- sidized, space in trying to impress upon the country the dictum that the election of Mr. McKinley immediately would restore "conthe Congress is not legally in session. Hav- fidence," and that all the country needed was "confidence!" There was money mongh. Eastern banks and safe deposit vaults were loaded with it. The owners would have it to burn, if only they could acquire "confidence," and that would come with the election of William McKinley.

Well, William McKinley is President at and widespread misery, it is a focish the United States, the gold ring and the and dangerous thing for the government trusts and monopolies who owned or of the day to set before the people the ex- controlled the columns of the confidence predictors are in the saddle; but "confidence!" has not come with them, nor have they, or the political party which they have constituted their agency for the oppression of the people, done anything to inspire it.

The suffering masses too well to member that they were promised prospertly under The exceptions are in the agreed the McKinley tariff. Did they get it? facts, that the President will prevent rec. They do not forget that they were guaranteed a golden era, if only the purchasing clause of the Sherman act were renealed Did they realize it? Again they were assured that if they would place in power the advance agent of prosperity," all though should be added unto them through the boom which his election Would instantly start by reason of the "confidence" it would inspire

The influences and interests that make their monthly millions out of contraction moderated, if that can be done without and monopoly, have preached the gospei interfering with his fiscal policy or "out of the rainbow chase too often and, of friendstip for Spain," but he must admit late, too disphanously. The day is past when they can make the struggling, neserable sufferers of the land believe that horses can live and grow fat on the theoretical promise of future oats. Let us have a little less of this smug

contraction and monopoly hypocrisy. It will not go down with the people

Issues Searching a Party. Primative justice seems to be accomplished in the cases of journals like the New York Evening Post, which, during the campaign of 1896, not only supported, but glorified and adored the "advance agent of speaking for the Administration, to pre- prosperity." It is true that this particular cent the adoption of the Morgan resolution | Mugwump organ did not worship the Reby the United States Senate. Immediately publican candidate in his self-adverticed aspect as the advance agent of high tariff taxation of the people for the sole benefit of certain trusts and monopolies of a manufacturing character. It was as the assumed agent of another kind of oppres ion, advocated by foreign financial in finences interested in the enslavement of the American people under the single gold standard, that journals like the Evening Post promoted the candidacy of Mr. McKinley in the only way they could effectively, which was by advising all wealthy patriots to subscribe the money necessary to the purchase of his election.

Now that they have bought it, paid for it, and enjoy the recollection of the inrestment, it is ungracious in them to find

But they do find fault. The Evening Post regards the situation, that knowingly it belped to create, with disgust tempered by dismay. It finds the Administration making a fight to the death for a fiscal policy which it contemns, against the free silver gospel of the American people of which it stands in terror. Here is presented a pretty how-to-do for the Mc-Kinley Mugwumps "This grotesque state of things may continue for some time voters may be compelled to cast their ballots this fall, and even in next year's Congressional elections, for parties, both of which they distrust and despise; or make choice of evils, when what they ardently desire is to choose neither."

To such a pass has come the perfervid promotion of the Republican candidate, and of the policy he crammed down the throats of his friends, the contributory enemy, only a few short months agol Did they think that in building an idol of Vishnu, by some miracle they would have one of Siva, when it was com-

A peculiar case in law was recently de cloped before the board of health of New York city. The dramatis personae in the case were a grocer, some dogs, a man and his wife and a baby. The grocer was both ered with rats, and, as everybody knows. these pests are among the most restifer us things in the world, especially to one in the grocery business. It is unsafe to rive hem polson, because they will crawlinto their holes to die of it, and it is a possible either to leave them there or get them out An ordinary cat will run from them, and they are too wise to go into tracs after cheese when there are large quantities of it to be obtained by a little gnawing. So the greeer bought two terriers, to the great hanay of the rats. Then be bought a New-

foundland dog to take care of the terriers, and the three lives quite happily in the cel-lar, and the terriers killed rats, and all three sang and yelped, and barked when they felt like it. Here comes in the interesting part of the Story Next door lived a man and his wife and a taby; and which is right polody seems to be able to find out, but whereas the man and his wife declare that the dogs disturbed the baby with their barking, the groderyman is of the opinion that the baby's crying was what woke the dogs up and made them have caucus meetings. As neither the baby nor the dogs can testify, there seems to be no way of finding out which woke first; but the board of nealth decided that the dogs would have to go. The groceryman is now wonder ing what he shall do about the rate

Notwithstanding current and insistent efforts to destroy the Hawalian reciprocity treaty by way of the tariff bill we do not feel any alarm on the subject. The proposed amendment, introduced by Senator Davis on yesterday, providing that nothing in the act shall be held to repeal or impair the provisions of the reciprocity treaty with Hawail, is about certain to be adopted; that is, in case the Administration really wants the Senate to pass the Aldrich

In the House yesterday Mr. Henderson one of the caponized majority, exclaimed "Why this bell in a teapot?" We can enswer this question. The suppressed House of Representatives is a teanot not constitutionally constructed. Its spout is plugged. Its cover is soldered down, and upon the top of it squats the figure of a bloated, autocratic idealization of contempt for the Constitution, Law and Justice. That is the reason why the swearword used by Mr. Henderson exists in its

Thomas Brackett Reed does not se nclined to learn the lesson which is being forced upon him. Yesterday he re fused to allow Mr. Lewis of Washington to introduce the Record which shows that question regarding the foreign policy of the House is a question of the highest

"Who are the Committee on Rules?" asked Mr. Simpson. "There he sits!" pointing to the Autocrat.

JONNIE JUNIORS AT NORFOLK.

They Entertain Pleasingly and Are in Turn Entertained.

Norfolk. Va., June 1.-The Jonnie Juniors, of Washington, who rendered the comic opera "Mikado" here last night, under the direction of Prof. N. DuShane Cloward, scored a great hit. One of the largest audiences of the season greeted the Washington boys, and they are the recipient of many praises for their finished

Saturday night the Junters gave a con cert at Virginia Beach. The spacious ball-room of the Princess Anne was filled with the cite of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Perkeley society; Mr. A. T. Earnest, the Pool-Bah of the company, sang superbly "The New Jerusalem." Mr. Fred Supplee sang a tenor solo, entitled, "A Dream of Paradese," and Prof. Cloward enraptured his auditors with his mellow baritone by singing "The Palm Branches." the hit of the concert was the comic songs and recitations of Mr. John Co. the comedian of the Juniors. He responded gracefully to five encores

The management of the Princess Anne gave the boys a german Monday morn ing. Over fifty young ladies from Nor-folk were present. The Juniors all speak them by the hotel management.

Much pleasure was derived from bathing in the ocean. The Juniors will return home

VANDERLIP SWORN IN.

Takes the Oath as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Secretary Gage lost a very valuable private accretary yesterday, when Mr. Frank A. Vanderlip took the oath of office as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. Appointment Clerk Fitzpatrick administered the oath, in the presence of Secretary Gage, Mesers Howell and Spaulding, Assistant Secretaries of the Treasury, and Scott Vanderlip's predecessor, and a number of warm, personal friends.

Mr. Vanderlip was most cordially con cratulated, and was also the recipient of number of floral testimonials.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

"Aunt Keziah," said Bobble, "Is it wrong to think our own thoughts or say on own words or do what we want to on Sunday?"

"That is what we are told." "And is every day goin' to be Sunday in 'Cause if it is, I ain't goin'

"Hoot, mon!" exclaimed the author of the Scotch dialect story, and the overwearied world accordingly booted.

"Here's a flat advertised with all 'modern imps ' Guess we'll go look at it."

A month later:

'Elizabeth I know now what the

modern imps were. That red-headed boy of Smith's has plugged up our bath bub and he brother killed our cat, and the kid on the floor above nearly knocked me down the stairs just now sliding on th banisters. The modern imps are all right.

"Dear met what is that terrible language

"That is Mr. Haltborne on theosophy " Language ceases, and thumps begin "And what is that, may I ask?" thorpe, the letter having the floor."

"Well," said Jimsby, "there is something distinguished about McKinley, anyway "What?" grumbled the man who the election

"He is a man of Mark."

"Pa," said Bobbie, "what is an ulti-"An ultimatum, my son," said Mr. Kittiwink. "is the last thing you are likely to see nowadaya."

"I think," said the perplexed parent of college boys, "that Solomon must have made that remark about training up a child so that he will not depart from your teach "No, he didn't," said the Sage. "He was the training of children. He couldn't have had irangination enough to originate such :

Mutual Admiration Society. (From the Omaha World-Herald.) The diplomatic correspondence between

have been confined to a discussion of the

CABINET AND THE TARIFF.

Validity of the Acts of Congres Under Discussion.

The Cabinet meeting yesterday was al most entirely given up to tariff and financial matters, with the exception of the time devoted to department affairs. It is unopestionable that the tariff is receiving a large amount of attention at the White House end of the Avenue recently

Secretary Gage made a special call at the White House on Monday night late after his return from Cincinnati, and had a long talk with the President, Represenative Dingley yesterday, before the Cabine meeting, also spent half an hour discussing with the President the attitude of the various sections of the House, and going sentatives talk about tariff every day nore than about appointments, even, just

One feature of the situation which was iscussed with considerable seriousness it is said. In the Cabinet meeting vesterday gentieman among the Democrats that Congress is not constitutionally in session at present, and that the validity of any of its laws may be questioned. That of its laws may be questioned. That this is likely, or at least possible to be serious complication, Mr. McKinley seems to be realizing. Attorney General McKenna is giving the matter his atten tion at the present time, and may have

omething to communicate later.

President McKiniey has accepted the nvitation of Vice President Hobart to linner. This decision of Mr. McKipley vas against his rigid rule not to accept outside invitations, but he made the exception on account of the fact that the occasion is in a manner a meeting beand one of the highest importance as a Senators Platt and Proctor called at the

White House in the interest of two consular candidates, Mr. Deal, of Plattsburg, N. Y. and Mr. D. J. Vall, of Orwell, Vt. Mr. Vall wants to go to Three Rivers, Canada, and Mr. Deni chooses St. Johns. Senator Spooner was also at the White

House on some of his many consular job

Senator Thurston called with Major J. Werts, of Nebruska, and Mr. George C. Reed, of New Mexico, but formeriy of Senator Thurston's State. Mr. Reed wishes to be surveyor general of New Mexico interest is increasing in the patronage situation in the Territory. Since the death of the former governor, two months ago, there being no Heutenant governor, the secretary of the Territory has been acting governor, and the Republican are naturally more and more expectant every day. It is thought that something will he done very soon. The other positions are also much sought after,

Congressman W. A. Stone of Pennsylvania introduced to the President yesterday morning Mr. Henry A. Heinz, the pickle manufacturer, and Dr. Wood, a Metho dist clergyman, who wishes to be a superntendent of an Indian school.

The Kentucky delegation paid its regi lar call, Senator Deboe, Dr. Hunter and Congressman Evans all bringing methers of the faithful from Kentucky.

OFF FOR PHILADELPHIA.

President McKipley and Party t Leave This Morning.

The White House will be closed to vis ors today, and the President will have another rest from the officeseekers. He accomplishes this by a trip to Philadelphia. at 8 o'clock this morning the President and Mrs. McKinley, several members of the 'abinet and their families, a car full of enators and Representatives, and most of the ministers from the South American epublics, will start for Philadelphia to be esent at the exercises in connection with the Philadelphia Commercial Museum, an-the Manufacturers' Association.

There is a fine special train over the Pennsylvania road. Mr. McKinley will have President Thomson's private car and there will be three others for the Cabinet people. the Members of Congress and the ministers. various functions of the associations, and will remain at Philadelphia tonight, returning early tomorrow morning. the city: Secretary Gage has just returned

n teip. Mr. Long will go to Annapolis, and Mr. Sherman does not care to take the Philadelphia excursion. It is probable that not more than two or three members of the Cabinet will go along, but several

THE CUBAN FESTIVAL.

Interesting Arrangements for the Patriotic Event.

The Cuban laws party will be given this afternoon and evening, from 4 to 11 o'clock, at the beautiful grounds of Mrs. A. L. Barbour, at the nead of Fourteenth street.

The fete will be given by the Woman's National Cuban League, and those most prominently interested feel assured of its great success. Refreshments will be sold at reasonable prices.
One of the features of the fete will be

tent with Indian curios and relics of founded Knee, in charge of Mrs Gen-Colby, assisted by her adopted Indian daughter, Zintka Lavuni, whom Gen. Colby picked up from the field of battle. Another attractive feature will be the Island de Coba cigar booth, which will be in charge of five attractive young ladies attired in the costumes of the

native Cuban senoras. Mrs. M. A. Yost is chairman of the general committee.

CUBA'S AMERICAN DEAD. Memorial Mass Meeting Arrange for Next Friday.

orial mass meeting will be held a the National Theater on Friday evening mder the auspices of the National Cuban League, in memory of the Americans butch ered in Cuba by the Spaniards.

The call for the meeting is signed by President Gen. William Harry Browne, Frank Hume, treasurer of the league tee of arrangements will invite several speakers of national reputation, who will address the meeting.

Mason and Hoer. (From the Chicago Tribune.)

When Senator Mason was through with Hoar he had taken his hide off and hung it on the fence. Senator Hoar has dwell in the odor of Senatorial sanctity and en loyed the privileges of Senatorial courtes; so long that he has become mossgrown annarrow in his ideas of statesm in this case is even deaf to the ordinary appeal of bumanity. It was time some on umctured his thick crust, and Mason has and fresh air and the atmosphere of the people into that chamber of fossils and barnaciest more of them, William. Let in the light

The Still, Small Voice.

(From the Chicago Post.) Reports from New York indicate that e Salvation Army that the Lord can

IN THE HOTEL LOBBIES.

"In England," said Mr. William Gerson of London, at the Ailington last night, when one has a large number of letters or circulars to mail at one time, we need not be at the trouble of affixing a stamp on each one of them, but may carry them to the postoffice, pay the postage due on the whole and easether in No postage stamp are affixed, but the office simply stamps them 'paid,' and they are forwarded. I think the usage would be a good one for your country, and that it would be a great convenience to business men, though I am informed that it could not be adopted without action by your Congress

"The Polytechnic Institute in my home city," said Mr. Andrew B. Charch, of Worcester, Mass, at the Ebbitt, "som how great a matter a little fire kindleth athletic purposes by atudents of the in-stitute, in honor of the sound money elec-tion. President Mendenthal forbade the students to make a bonfire. They said that as students they obeyed and refrained They said but as private citizens, rejoicing on just grounds, they made a proper beafire in a proper place at a suitable time, and that it did no harm. The president was unable to make this fine distinction between the conduct of students as students, and their behavior as free and independent citizens, and he thereupon suspended about twenty lads wto had declined to sign a paper of fered to all the students, saying that the had had no hand in the fire, and would obey the rules of the institute thereafter built a bonfire, to sign a paper saying the understanding that those who don't sign must icave school, seems a remarkably easy and effectual way of getting rid of a lot of truthful scholars.

Bruce Fugate, of New York, at the Riggs House last evening, "it is curious no much of the information that is given the obituary notices is absolutely new most of the people to whom he was known Napoleon Sarony, who died last Novem ber, was known practically to all New York. The photographs he took have co culated pretty much everywhere during the last thirty years, and his signature became almost as familiar as was that of the late Mr. Spinner. But it was news to rapher and made a fortune in that hu sess before he had anything to do wit photography. It must have interested man people who knew the three tall volum which contain the record of Commodo Perry's Japan expedition to learn that most of the illustrations of that narrative were done by Sarony when he was a lithourapher. They are good pictures, and in many cases have won continuous shelfroom in private libraries for the volume

ARMY AND NAVY ORDERS.

Promotions and Changes and Leav of Absence Granted. Orders have been issued by the Navy

Department as follows:

Chief Engineer R. Inch., detached from the Concor-Landordered to the Boston; Chief Engineer G. R. Ransom, detached from the Sosten and ordered to the Concord; Civil Engineer A. J. Menocal, detached from the Norfolk navy yard and ordered to the nav yard at League Island; Lieut, F. Snow en, detached from the Naval Academy as ordered to a course at the War College and Torpedo School, June 1: John H. Merrisc sioned assistant paymaster from May 18, 1897; Passed Assistant Engineer P H. Eldridge, promoted to chief engineer from May 9, 1897.

The War Department has issued the following orders:

of absence for two months, to take effect on or about July 1, 1897, is ranted First Lieutenant Charles J. Bailey. First Artillery

Capt. Constantine Chase, Fourth Arth. lery, is detailed to attend the encamp cent of the District of Columbia National the 10th to the 19th of June, 1897. He rill proceed, at the proper time, place of encomposent, and report to Brigader General Albert Ordway, commanding District of Columbia militia, for this se

to his proper station. The leave of absence granted Major Al-mond B. Welis Eighth Cavalry, Departnent of the Platte, is extended three

By direction of the President, First Lieut, George P. Abern, Twenty-fifth Infantry, is detailed as professor of military science and tactics at the Montana College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, Bozeman, Mont. to take effect October 15, 1897

Leave of absence for two months, to take nor about June 18, 1897, Isgranted First Lieut, George F. Landers, Fourth

First Lieut Victor H Bridgman, S. Artillery, will proceed to Evansville, Ind., and relieve First Lieut. George F. Landers, Fourth Artillery, of his duties a special recruiting officer for the Light Artillery, not later than June 18, 1897 Capt. Wilson T. Hartz, Fifteenth Infan try, will proceed to Richmond, Va., and assume charge of the recruiting station in that city, relieving Second Lieut Charles Miller, Eleventh Infantry is appointed and announced as an acting assistant quartermaster while cruiting dety.

WCOD'S COLLEGE GRADUATES.

Annual Commencement Exercis at the National Tonight. The annual commencement exercises of Wood's Commercial College will be held

at the New National Theater this evening

at 8:30 o'clock.

Contrary to the general custom, no tackets will be required for admission. The evening's program is expected teclipse all previous efforts of this co lege. Choice musical selections will be dered by the United States Marin Band. The annual address will be delivered by the Hon. Benjamin Butterworth and the class medals awarded by the Dis trict of Columbia Engineer Co Capt. Black.

His Hands Are Full.

(From the New York Journal.) In his inaugural address President Mc Kinley made a very flattering mention of Congress, and intimated strongly that he would have no objection to having it on his hands. Congress has accepted the invitation, and it would be interesting to know just how the President is enjoy-

His Title Is Crowded.

(From the New York Mail and Express.) Gen. Byer is now governor, captain-general, and commander-in-chief of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations. His title iaps over the State at both sides, md the only way he can keep it within the limits of the commonwealth is to dand it on end.

(From the Omaha World-Herald.)

The financial question, as we understand it, has simmered down to the meter question of whether Tam Read is entitled to 350 Congressional salaries in view of the fact that he is the lower house of

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Regular Prices.

Boys' Department.

Never have we shown such an all 'round worthful and attractive line of Boys' and Children's Outfittings for similar prices as at present. Suits of all the best styles and kinds. Hundreds of Shirt Waists of the most popular sorts. Furnishings of every description.

THIS WEDNESDAY. New All-wool Combination Suits, of desirable cloths, and made up in a most

excellent number. Sizes 4 to 15 years.

Suit with extra trousers,

\$2.50 each. New All-wool Combination Suits, of the very best make-goods we've sold for

\$3.88 and \$5.00 each.

\$4 and \$5, with one pair of trousers.

New Washable Galatea Suits, full blouses, fast colors-tan and white and blue and

white. Sizes 3 to 10 years. 50c and 89c each.

Washable Trousers, white fluck and tan and blue striped Galatea Cloth. Sizes 3 to

25c per pair. Outing Cloth Shirt Waists, pretty pat terns-strongly made, for general knock-

about purposes. Sizes 4 to 14 years.

25c each. Laundered White Mustin and Percale Shirt Waists-perfect fitting Sizes 4 to

50c each.

Housecleaning Requisites.

The drudgery and dread of housecleaning time may be greatly lessened by the many little helps to be found in our great Housefurnishing Store, at little cost.

We quote a few items from a large

tocks	
Chamols Sponges, each	50
Floor Mops, each	150
Scrub Brushes, each	100
Scrub Cloths	70
Butcher's Floor Polish, per box	500
Feather Dusters, each	200
Mop Handles, each	
Cedar Pails	
C. Step Ladders, each	550
Ammonia, per bottle	
Wire-drawn Dust Brushes, each	
Good 3 string Brooms, each	
large Whisk Brooms, each	

Woodward & Lothrop.